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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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For: LASER SCANNING)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Japan 9-236770, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This document was discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. In addition, an English language abstract has been located and is provided herewith.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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